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Purified and isolated nucleic acid molecules are provided which encode Tbp2 proteins of M. catarrhalis strains M35, 3 and LES1. The nucleic acid sequence may be used to produce recombinant Tbp2 proteins of the strain of Moraxella free of other proteins of the Moraxella strain for purposes of diagnostics and medical treatment. Furthermore, the nucleic acid molecules may be used in the diagnosis of infection.